

HOUSE BILL 2413

By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9 and Title 56, relative to public employee retirement benefits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-205, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(g) The health benefits for a retired employee under this part shall not be reduced to a benefit less than the benefit offered to retired employees at the time of the employee's retirement.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-506, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), once a county has provided an insurance program under this part for retired employees, the benefits for a retired employee under this part shall not be reduced below the benefit level offered to retired employees at the time of the employee's retirement.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-606, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following language as a new subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), once a municipal corporation or special school district has provided an insurance program under this part for retired employees, the benefits for a retired employee under this part shall not be reduced below the benefit level offered to retired employees at the time of the employee's retirement.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-806, is amended by deleting the first word of the second sentence of the section and substituting instead the language "Except as provided in § 8-27-205(g), the".

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.